

MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Monday, June 5, 2017  
1:00 pm

GATHERING MUSIC – piano arrangement of “Pie Jesu” by Andrew Lloyd Weber (*Requiem*)

GREETING (BOW 737)

We have gathered here to celebrate the lives of those  
who have served faithfully through the years  
and now share the triumph of Christ.

**We affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of our Lord.**

Let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life,  
among those who mourn  
as with those who now see Christ face to face.

**In the midst of our grief we sing with joy,  
for God's love is over all that has been made.  
Blessed be God's glorious name for ever.**

HYMN “For All The Saints” vss. 1-4 (UMH 711)

OPENING PRAYER                      adapted from *The Pattern of our Days*, Kathy Galloway, pg 45

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
in your life we have life,  
in your death we receive redemption,  
and in your resurrection we find hope.  
You built your church on the rock of  
imperfect but redeemed humanity,  
called and equipped by you  
to extend the household of faith  
and transform the world.  
We who gather today to celebrate  
those who have lived among us,  
and have gone on to be with you,  
bless you for all our mothers and fathers in God.  
Like them, may we so love and serve you  
that generations yet unborn  
may benefit from our witness;  
and when the grace of life on earth shall end,  
find for us a place  
in the company of heaven,  
for your love's sake. Amen.**

SOLO “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  
Setting by John Ness Beck, transcribed by Craig Courtney  
(*Hymn Settings of John Ness Beck*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God,  
may the power and presence of the Holy Spirit  
comfort us and confront us  
as we hear your Word read, proclaimed and embodied,  
in our worship and work this day. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON – Isaiah 51:1-5

RESPONSE from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*, pg. 18

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God**

SERMON “Look to the Rock” Rev. David Comperry

HYMN “For All the Saints,” vss. 1-3 (TFWS 2283)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE (adapted from *The Pattern of our Days*, Kathy Galloway, p. 147)

God of grace,  
we thank you for the saints whom we ourselves  
have known and loved.  
It does not come easily to call them saints,  
for they were friends and colleagues,  
and their absence among us is still hard to accept.  
But you have given your people this name  
and invited us into your company  
and you know how much we loved them.  
So for these good companions,  
whom we name before you for their love,  
and for our love of them,  
we give you grateful praise.

*(Names are read individually as bells are sounded –random ringing by separate bells (G – A – C – D) in separate places of the worship space, beginning with one and adding a new one as each name is read. Once the names are finished the bells are allowed to fade.)*

In the mystery of your love,  
in the power of your spirit,  
we are one with them.  
We give great thanks as we pray together.

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS AND FAITHFUL DEPARTED (UMBOW 709)

**O God of both the living and the dead,  
we praise your holy name for all your servants**

who have faithfully lived and died.  
Thank you for the sacred ties that bind us  
to the unseen cloud of witnesses that surround us.  
We pray that we may follow their example,  
to comfort those who mourn,  
to preach good news to the oppressed,  
and recovery of sight to the blind;  
to be the hands of Christ in your world,  
cherishing life and spreading the joy you give to your people;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

HYMNS "For All the Saints" vs. 4 (TFWS 2283)  
"For All the Saints" vs. 6 (UMH 711)

#### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The blessing of God, the Creator of life,  
The blessing of Jesus Christ, who gave us his life,  
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, the breath of life,  
be upon us this day and bring us into everlasting life.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (TFWS 2241)

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Resources used:

UMH - *The United Methodist Hymnal* (The United Methodist Publishing House, 1989)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Abingdon Press, 2000)

UMBOW - *The United Methodist Book of Worship* (The United Methodist Publishing House, -  
1992)

*The Pattern of Our Days*, ed. Kathy Galloway (Paulist Press, 1999)

*Iona Abbey Worship Book* (Wild Goose Publications, 2017)

*Hymn Settings of John Ness Beck*, trans. Craig Courtney (Beckenhorst Press VC4 )